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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Pastor Elder Jesse Wallace of Waukegan on Tuesday, January 17, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Elder Wallace was born on October 1, 1920 to Jesse Wallace and Susannah Rice Wallace; he married Mother Thelma (Davenport) Wallace; and was a veteran of the United States Navy; and

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WHEREAS, Elder Wallace served faithfully as a Deacon and later became a licensed Minister during his tenure at the Waukegan Church of God In Christ (C.O.G.I.C.); he served as Assistant Pastor at Zion Temple C.O.G.I.C. where he became an ordained Elder; in 1965, he helped establish the Faith Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C. in Zion, Illinois; and in 1968 he became Superintendent of the Friendship District where he served until 1999; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Wallace was not only a Spiritual Leader, he was also a leader in business and public service; in 1950, he founded and became CEO of Jesse Wallace Landscaping and Black Topping, Inc.; he assisted people coming from the South to obtain jobs, shelter, and food in the communities he served, particularly after the great flood of 1966; and in 1975, he established the Faith Tabernacle Food Pantry, now known as the Faith Food Pantry, the largest food pantry and relief station in Lake County; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife, Mother Thelma Wallace; his parents; his son, John A. Jones; and his sisters, Thelma Hill and Edna Young; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Pastor Elder Jesse Wallace has been deeply felt by many, especially his daughters, Mary Terry

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1 Wiley, Theresa Murphy-McElveen, Thelma (John) Southall, and  
2 Deborah (Robert) Richards Jr.; his son Elder Henry Eugene  
3 (Loretta ) Jones; his oldest grandson, John D. Jones whom he  
4 raised; his special daughter-in-law, Juanita (Floyd) Edgecomb;  
5 his goddaughters, Victoria Lewis, Yvonne Evans, and Alice  
6 Sherrod; his brothers, Clarence (Willa) Wallace, Larry (Doris)  
7 Wallace, Theatra Wallace, and Lee (Jimmie) Wallace; his sister,  
8 Elenora Hopkins; his grandchildren; his great-grandchildren;  
9 and his many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and loving  
10 Faith Tabernacle Church family; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Pastor Elder Jesse Wallace, and we extend our sincerest  
14 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
15 him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
18 sympathy for their loss.